

REMARKS

Several claims has been amended such that the preamble of the dependent claims are consistent with the preamble of the independent claim.

§ 102 Rejections

Claims 1, 3-5, 11-13 and 18-24 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Koike et al. (US 6345903).

§ 103 Rejections

Claims 2, 6-10, 14-17 and 25-27 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Koike et al. as applied above to claim 1.

It is the Examiner's position that the light-emitting diode of Koike et al. (US 6345903) reads upon the organic electronic light-emitting device of claim 1 because the diode is encapsulated with an epoxy resin that includes a wavelength converting material of Koike et al., and such is equivalent to a small molecule emitter.

Claims 1 and 26 has been amended to recite "an organic electronic light-emitting device comprising a light-emitting layer comprising a light-emitting polymer, a doped light-emitting polymer, or a blended light-emitting polymer".

Koike et al. does not teach a device wherein the light-emitting layer comprises any type of light emitting polymer.

Claim 35 is identical to claim 1 except that the light-emitting layer **consists of** an organic electroluminescent material containing a small molecule emitter or a light-emitting small molecule doped polymer.

Since the device of Koike et al. clearly includes a light emitting diode, the device Koike et al. no longer reads upon the claimed organic electronic light-emitting device of claim 35.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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